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1. U.S. Patent No. 6,225,822 for "FAST SIGNAL CONDUCTOR NETWORKS FOR PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC DEVICES," issued May 1, 2001 on Application No. 09/287,048, filed April 6, 1999. An assignment of the '048 application by the inventors to ALTERA CORPORATION was recorded on April 6, 1999 at Reel 9899, Frame 0792.

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2. U.S. Patent No. 6,373,280 for "FAST SIGNAL CONDUCTOR NETWORKS FOR PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC DEVICES," issued April 16, 2002 on Application No. 09/795,796, filed February 28, 2001 as a direct continuation of the '048 application. The above-mentioned assignment of the '048 application expressly extends to continuations of the '048 application. Therefore, the above-mentioned assignment of the '048 application is equally effective for the '796 application.

3. Application No. 10/047,468, filed January 14, 2002 as a direct continuation of the '796 application. The above-mentioned assignment of the '048 application is equally effective for the '468 application.

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2. The relevant evidentiary documents have been reviewed and, to the best of the undersigned's and assignee's knowledge and belief, title to the above-identified Application No. 10/047,468 is in assignee.

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